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# Poultry Exhibition Alternatives

2023 Fair Season



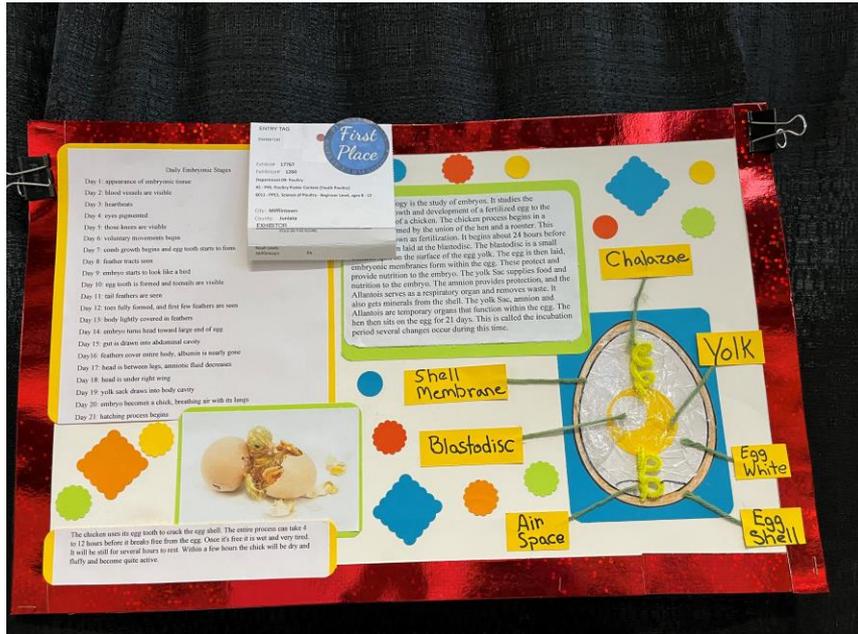
# Pen Decorating Competition



No real bird parts  
(no feathers, eggs)

Displays can be per  
exhibitor or by breed  
(done individually or as  
a group/club)

# Poster Contest Ideas



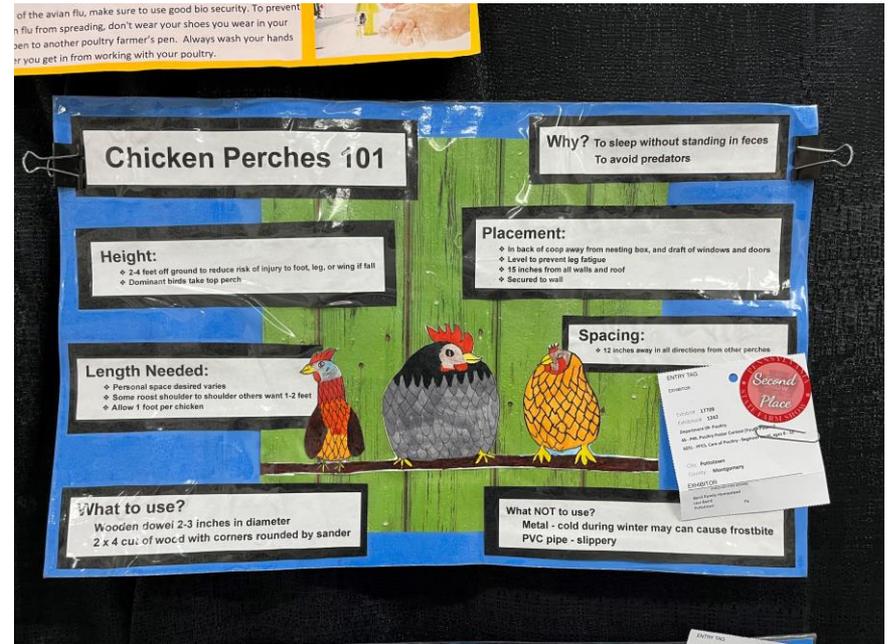
Parts of the Egg

## The Hatching Process



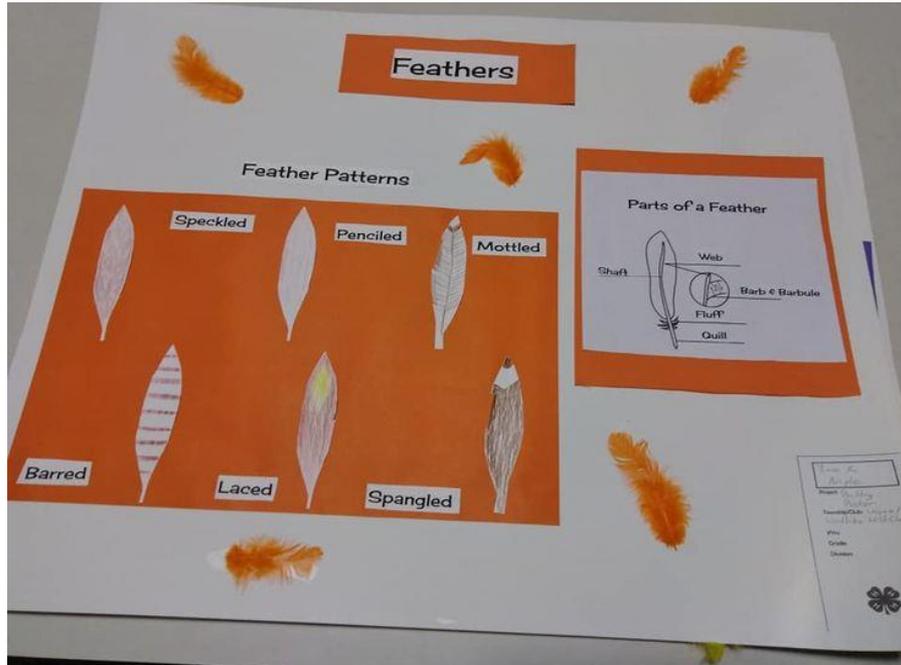
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## Egg Quality



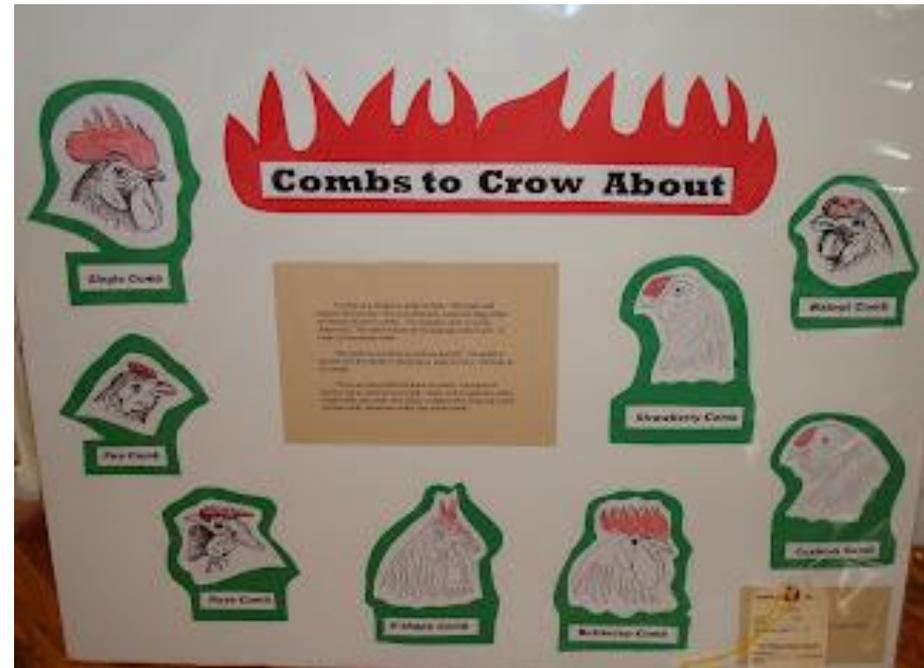
## Chicken Housing

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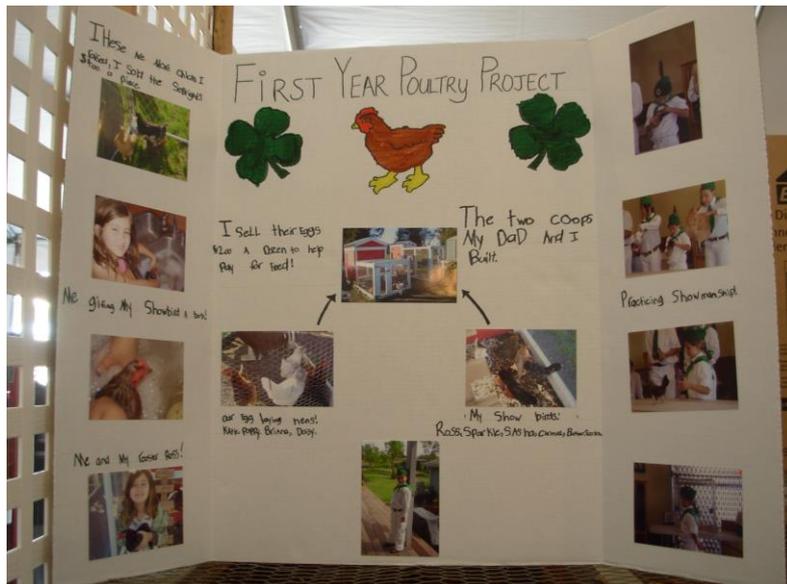
Feather Varieties and Uses

## Parts of the Bird/Appearance



# Poster Contest Ideas

## First Year: What I Learned/Did



## Poultry Care and Cleanliness

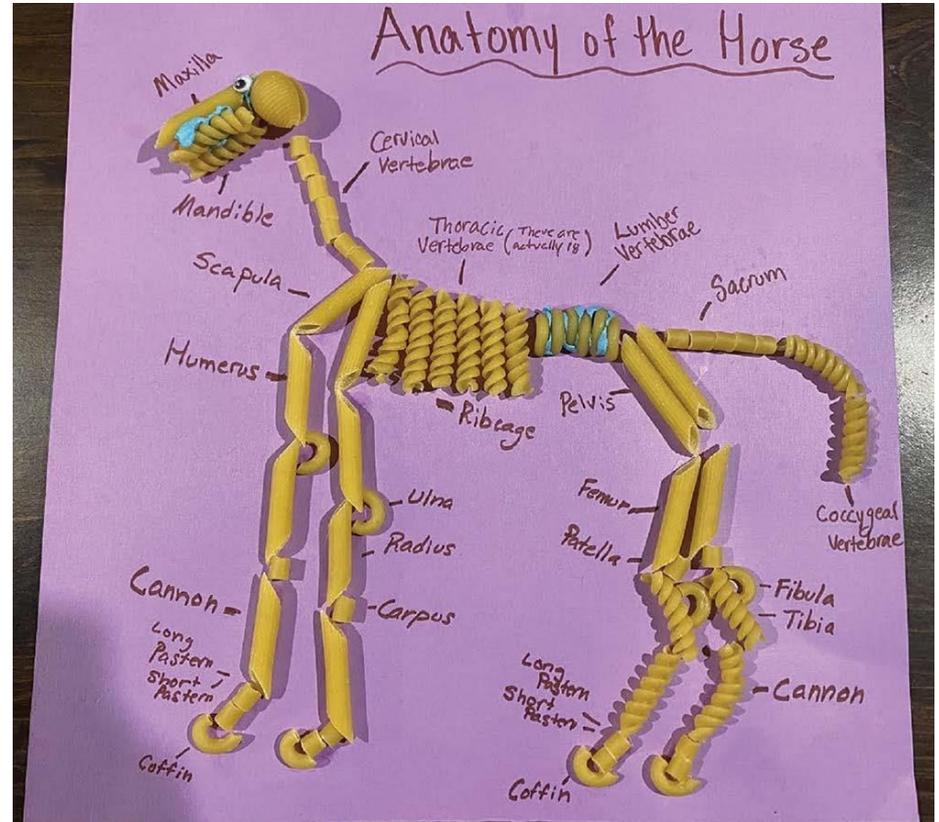
## Additional Topics:

- Poultry Breeds
- Poultry Diseases
- Biosecurity
- Coop Designs
- Egg type comparisons (chicken versus duck, quail, etc)
- Poultry products
  - Types
  - Nutrition content
  - Recipes
- Showmanship
- Poultry Nutrition
- Identification

# Build-A-Bird (pasta and recycled art)



Exhibitors craft a bird out of pastas, recycled materials, beans, etc. If it is a 2-D model, they can label several parts of the bird.



# Virtual Chicken Judging



Exhibitors take one (or several) photos of their birds, or a video, and submit it for judging. At the fair, each exhibitor's bird's picture can be hung in a cage and awarded a ribbon. This could also be tied in with pen decorating.

# Avian Influenza (Interactive) Displays



Displays can be interactive:

- Switching Boots
- Washing / Disinfecting Processes
- Handouts



Poultry exhibitors can take turns educating the public at this stand.



Enables exhibitors to explain to the public why there are no birds at the fair.



# Meat Judging and Cooking Contests



You can modify an existing poultry contest to exclude live bird evaluation and only focus on meat/eggs from a USDA facility.

4-H has standards/rules for a barbecue contest, or you can make your own contest (ex: chicken salad, deviled eggs, etc)

# Faux Showmanship



Poultry departments can purchase a fake/stuffed bird for members to compete in showmanship with.

Because a live bird is not being handled, the exhibitor should be asked about what they would do to prepare their birds at home for showmanship and why those steps are important.



## **Scrapbook contest**

- Use similar topics as were listed for the poster contest

## **Skillathon/Quiz Bowl**

- Many universities and Extension programs have example/practice questions online

## **Speech Contest**

- Why their breed is the best, grooming, nutrition, etc as topics

## **Best Coop Contest**

- Exhibitors make a poster showing their pen(s) at home for their birds, explain why it is set up like it is

## **Photography Contest**